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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

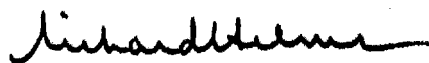
SUBJECT: The Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS)
Experiment

1. An important project which I must undertake as part of the intelligence information program approved by USIB on 4 April 1968 and to be forwarded to the President is the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS) experiment and the evaluation of the usefulness of this system to the intelligence community. The development of the system itself has been underway since late 1965. The test, analysis and evaluation phase is planned to begin on 1 July 1968 and continue for one year.

3. It is requested that CIA, DIA and NSA designate the managers of their portion of the COINS experiment to act as sub-system managers for the experiment under the general guidance of the manager of the COINS experiment. The Department of State and NIC are requested to designate similar personnel as appropriate to the level of their participation. All are requested to nominate qualified personnel to technical panels, working groups and the like as may be required and requested by the COINS manager.

4. I have designated [redacted] of the NIPE staff as my representative to keep me advised on all matters concerning the COINS experiment. He will use the newly formed Intelligence Information Handling Committee, of which he is Chairman, for staff support and will consult the Committee for advice and guidance as appropriate.

5. Periodic reports will be submitted to USIB as the experiment progresses.



Richard Helms
Director

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